

Out line of the October Incident

Lineage of the Military Clique (III)

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The October Incident of October 1931 was planned as the so-called "Revolution under the Imperial Flag" after the failure of the March Incident, and taking advantage of the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident, but this also ended unconsummated.

In the written opinion of ISOBÉ, Asaichi and MURAMAKI, Koji about the military purge, the following is written about the October Incident:

"The October Incident of 1931 was again planned by those who acted as the nucleus of the March Incident and by the radicals and extremists of the Sakura Kai with Lt. General TATEGAWA, Lt. General KOISO and others as supporters and with Maj. General NAGATA, Tetsuzen, Major TANAKA, Kiyoshi and Major IKEDA, Yoshihisa and others as cooperators, in its construction plan.

Instead of employing desperadoes and adventurers outside of the Army, they wanted to manipulate the skillfully young officers who were then excited over the Manchurian Problem. What kind of a plan it was is still unknown to us young officers who were then assembled."

The note of Major TANAKA continues. For as the outline of the October Incident is fully /T.N. described/ in it, I think we can hit upon the truth by quoting it fully although it is rather long.

"When I saw Lieutenant Colonel HASHIMOTO on August 4, he said to me.....'About the middle of September, this year, a plot is expected to be laid by the KWANTUNG Army. An opportunity of solving the Manchurian-Mongolian Problem shall be made, and our country shall be radically reformed at the same time'. And as to the reform of the country, the brains of the General Staff had reached a thorough understanding, he added.

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